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RE: <u>Bay State Gas Company</u>, D.T.E. 06-7

Dear Ms. French and Ms. Tosches:

Enclosed please find the First Set of Information Requests of the Department of Telecommunications and Energy in the above-referenced matter. Pursuant to the schedule we worked out during our telephone conference of March 8, 2006, responses are due on Friday, March 31, 2006.

Sincerely,

Denise L. Desautels Hearing Officer

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